Mushrooming coaching institutions

2131. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent mushrooming of coaching institutions like FIJEE, IE, etc. in the capital;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the recent press reports revealing their manipulations in computing their results/output and thereby misleading the general public;

(c) whether these institutions are functioning on purely business/profit lines, amassing huge money and showing little concern towards the career of aspirant children;

(d) if so, what action Government propose to check fleecing of general public by such coaching institutions; and

(e) the regulatory mechanism which Government propose in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA): (a) to (e) The Government is aware of the mushrooming of coaching institutions mainly meant for preparing students for competitive examinations including JEE for admission into the IITs and other professional programe in the country. Various malpractices indulged in by some of them have been reported in the media. All coaching institutions except those meant for coaching SC/ST students for competitive examinations are in the private sector and have no linkages with the Government. There is no proposal to regulate such institutions. Instead the Government has taken several steps so that students do not have to undergo any special coaching for appearing in such competitive examinations. These include:

(i) Holding common entrance tests. The Government has already taken initiative to conduct an All India Engineering Entrance Examination (AIEEE) for admission to undergraduate programmes in engineering, architecture and pharmacy.

(ii) Conduct competitive examinations on the basis of syllabus and on similar pattern as the qualifying examination. Accordingly, the Government has advised the IITs to make suitable changes in JEE.

These steps are expected to reduce the menace of coaching institutions.